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UM STUDENTS TO BE ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANTS TO STATE SOLONS IN '71

MISSOULA--

Several University of Montana students of government will again serve as administrative assistants to veteran members of the Montana Legislative Assembly during the 1971 session, rounding out their classroom studies with practical experience in legislative processes.

The intern program is jointly sponsored by the UM Department of Political Science and the Montana Legislative Council. Dr. Ellis Waldron, who has conducted field studies of the Montana Legislative Assembly since 1953, directs academic aspects of the program, and a subcommittee of the Legislative Council headed by Sen. David F. James (D--Liberty-Hill) selects legislative sponsors for the interns and gives general direction to the program during the session.

Legislators who have had prior experience in the Legislative Assembly have been asked to indicate interest in sponsoring an intern, and the Legislative Council committee on the intern program will assign interns to legislator-sponsors during the third week of November.

Four interns and four alternates have been chosen from a sizeable group of applicants, and are currently preparing for service with their legislative sponsors.

Interns named are:

Randi Hood, 20, Sunburst, junior in political science, attended schools in Japan and England and graduated near the top of her class at Glasgow, Montana, High School in 1968. She has a 3.6 (B-plus) grade average at UM, and wants to do graduate work in political science or law.

Mary Van Buskirk, 21, Havre, junior with a double major in political science and journalism, graduated near the top of her class at Havre High School in 1968, was on the Deans scholarship at College of Great Falls before transferring to the University of Montana, and wants to do graduate work in either political science or law.

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Charles S. Johnson, 22, Helena, graduated near the top of his high school class in Helena High School in 1966, and graduated with honors in journalism at the University of Montana last June. Last winter he was a Sears congressional intern in Washington, working on the staff of Sen. Frank Church of Idaho.

Philip Tawney, 21, Missoula, junior in political science, graduated from Missoula Sentinel High School in 1967, was vice president of his high school class. He and his wife, Robin, both held National Science Foundation fellowships to an Institute on Political Behavior at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, this past summer, and Tawney is president of Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary at the University of Montana.

Alternates named for possible service as interns are:

Kathryn Simpson, 21, Kalispell, graduate of Flathead County High School, a junior in political science who has also attended Whittier College and Oregon State University; Thomas Cannon, 21, Montevallo, Ala., junior in education and transfer from the University of Alabama; Warren Neyenhuis, 20, Valier, junior in political science, and Michael Otness, 24, Brady, a Viet Nam veteran and junior in business administration.

The 1971 session will be the third for the Montana intern program, similar to programs in other states where students majoring in governmental studies have had this unusual opportunity to assist legislative leaders as a part of their studies of legislative affairs.

Financing for the interns has been provided by the University and each student receives a stipend of \$600 towards living expenses in Helena during the session and to compensate for partial loss of academic credits during service in Helena. The program was initiated in 1967 and Senate Resolution 1, Extra Session of 1967, requested its continuance.

The interns share their experience with other members of a field class in legislative problems that spends a week in Helena on two field trips during the legislative session. Each student develops a research project in legislative problems which is then completed during the spring quarter of the legislation seminar.

Two of the 1967 interns graduated from the University of Montana law school: James L. Jones is clerk to federal district judge Russell Smith, Missoula; and Frank Kampfe is with the law firm of Sandall, Moses and Cavan, Billings. Mrs. Carol Christopher Wright is teaching political science in the University of Nevada, Reno, and Miss Karen Beck has served on the staff of Governor Anderson's Executive Reorganization Commission.

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Of the 1969 interns, Miss Beth Eastman is research associate, Bureau of Government Research, University of Montana, and served on the staff of the Montana Constitutional Convention Commission that successfully promoted Referendum 67 for a constitutional convention.

Miss Nedra Bayne subsequently was a Sears congressional fellow on the staff of Sen. Dole of Nebraska and more recently has been press secretary to Richard Shoup in his successful congressional campaign.

Benjamin B. Briscoe of Great Falls returned from his legislative service in Helena to win election as president of the student body and headed student government on the UM campus until his death in an automobile accident a year ago.

Dennis Lind and John Palmer are freshmen in the University of Montana Law School.

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